



GAME NOTES

Penticton Vees
at
Wenatchee Wild

Saturday December 30, 2017



Tonight, the Wenatchee Wild (24-9-2-1, 2nd Place Interior Div.) meet the Penticton Vees (22-8-2-2, 3rd Place, Interior Div.) in the fourth of six scheduled meetings this season.

HEAD TO HEAD: Tonight is the eighth meeting all-time between these two franchises. The Wild are 4-3-0 all-time against Penticton, and 3-1-0 at Town Toyota Center. Wenatchee has won all three games this season, including last night's 6-3 victory. In October, the Wild had a 4-2 win at home followed by a 3-2 double overtime win on the road four days later.

WHO TO WATCH FOR: **Jasper Weatherby** (26g, 24a) leads the Wenatchee offense, followed by **Lucas Sowder** (14g, 26a) and defenseman **Cooper Zech** (7g, 32a) who leads all BCHL defenseman in scoring. Goalie **Austin Park** has a record of 14-6, a 2.61 Goals Against Average, and a Save Percentage of .893. Penticton's Owen Sillinger leads all Vees scorers with 36 points and defenseman Nicky Leivermann has 27 while Taylor Ward has 25.). Goalie Adam Scheel is 14-8 with a 2.04 GAA and a .934 save percentage. Wild defenseman **Slava Demin** and Vees defenseman Johnny Tychonick were both identified by NHL Central Scouting as potential 2nd or 3rd draft picks in 2018. For the Vees, defenseman Nicky Leivermann was drafted by the Colorado Avalanche in the 7th round in 2017 and defenseman Ryan O'Connell was drafted by the Toronto Maple Leafs, also in the 7th round.

SPECIAL TEAMS:	WEN PP – 47/206 22.8% 2nd	WEN PK – 20/138 85.5% 3rd
	PEN PP – 32/146 21.9% 4th	PEN PK – 20/152 86.8% 1st

LAST NIGHT: The Wild beat Penticton 6-3 to open the two game weekend set. The Wild have now won three in a row and are 7-1-1 in their last nine. Penticton is winless in their last four, coming off a twelve game win streak.

MOVING ON: The Wild have a three-game road trip next week with games at Trail (Wed), Salmon Arm (Fri), and Penticton (Sat). The Vees head home to launch a four-game home stand beginning with Prince George and Wenatchee coming in next weekend.

MEDIA: Tonight's game and all Wild games are aired on Sunny FM (93.9 FM), and available on a pay-per-view basis with HockeyTV.com. Pregame show airs tonight at 6:45 pm.

TONIGHT'S PROMOTION: Tonight's game is sponsored by Allstate agents Joe Clark, Jason Ellard, and Brad Huddle. It's "WAHA Night", benefitting the Wenatchee Amateur Hockey Association. The Wild will wear specially designed jerseys that will be auctioned off via live postgame auction. WAHA players will show off their talents as they participate in a Skills Competition on ice during the first intermission.

NEXT HOME GAME: Friday and Saturday Jan.12 and 13 vs West Kelowna Warriors.

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